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principles in his preaching, and to illustrate and enforce them in his life and death. Thus did he lay the foundation of the kingdom of heaven, the kingdom of peace. Upon that foundation we must build.

One word more, Sir. There are reasons, as the resolution before you intimates, why the principles of peace should be urged upon men with especial diligence, at this present time. In almost all the Christian nations, knowledge is now busily disseminated among the people; and knowledge is power for *evil*, as well as for good. If the people, who have been oppressed, shall be brought to perceive the extent of their wrongs, and to appreciate their rights, without being at the same time taught the more excellent way of redressing their grievances, will they not fly to the too common way of revenge, bloodshed, war? Nothing else can be expected.

And O, Sir, in our own guilty land, what must we look for, if the spirit of peace be not diffused among the millions who are enslaved, and the hundreds of thousands who have embraced their cause? What else, but servile and civil war? To avert this dread catastrophe, all the Christians in our land should labor with their might. In the view of men it may seem impossible to avert it; but with God all things are possible. Let us labor in faith, and in the spirit of him who came, as the angelic choir proclaimed, to bring peace on earth, and good-will towards men.

LITERARY NOTICES.

1. *The Criminality, Cowardice, and Cure of Duelling.* By Rev. CHARLES HOOVER, Newark, N. J. National Preacher for May, 1838.

We have room only for a brief analysis of this bold and well-argued discourse. The author aims to show, "that the duel is murder by the law of God and of man; and that it is murder invested with all those circumstances which can render it cold-blooded and atrocious." 1. The law of God is clear and decisive against it as murder. 2. "Duel is murder by the settled principles of human law." Proved by quotations from Blackstone, Russell, and Foster. 3. It is murder peculiarly atrocious, because deliberate. 4. It includes "the double guilt of murder and suicide." 5. It is murder "under pretexts eminently hypocritical." 6. It is accompanied with cowardice—"a code for cowards." 7. It is "murder without the remotest prospect of gaining the alleged end." 8. "The duellist is a murderer *by profession*." 9. The principles of the duellist are without a parallel despotic, sanguinary, and subversive of all government.

The author next urges, as a cure for duelling, "the cultivation of deep-seated reverence for law;"—the correction of public sentiment, constraining the civil authorities to execute the laws against duelling;—the diffusion of right views, the exertion of a right influence on the subject, by the press, by the pulpit, by politicians of every school, by parents and teachers. All under this head might be included in the formation of a correct, efficacious public sentiment.

We have no space for extracts; but we could not help observing, in the perusal of this excellent discourse, how applicable most of its arguments are to the kindred practice of war, the custom of national duelling, the origin and support of private duels. Abolish the former, and the latter will cease at once; but never so long as the former is kept in countenance.

2. *The Law of Honor; A Discourse occasioned by the recent Duel in Washington.* By HENRY WARE, Jr. 1838.

A discourse of much beauty, well adapted to the class of minds to whom it